



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS 2024

## GRAND LODGE OF OHIO SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION

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**FOR 2024 THREE LEVELS OF SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AWARDED [\$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000]**

**THE COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED AND POSTMARKED  
NO LATER THAN MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, TO:**

**Grand Lodge of Ohio  
Sons of Italy Foundation**

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SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION**

## ***Application for Scholarship Award***

**In order for the application to be considered, it must be CLEARLY LEGIBLE AND COMPLETED IN FULL. You OR your parent(s) OR your grandparent(s) must be member(s) of the Sons of Italy for at least one year as of application deadline in order to apply and qualify. If you individually are not already a member, you must submit an application for membership in the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) with this scholarship application. Please type or print.**

1. Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_
3. City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you been a member of the Sons of Italy for at least one year (yes or no)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Month and Year you joined: \_\_\_\_\_  
List name/number of your Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s) or Grandparent(s) may sponsor you if you are not currently a member. This information must be accurate and will be verified.**

5. Has either one or both of your parents or grandparents been members of a local lodge for at least one year? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ In what year did they join? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of your parent(s)/grandparent(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Your parent(s)/grandparent(s) local lodge name/number: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you applied for a scholarship from the Grand Lodge of Ohio in previous years? \_\_\_\_\_.  
If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_ If you were awarded a Grand Lodge scholarship(s) previously, please list year(s) you received the scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Were/are you gainfully employed this year? \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of hours worked per week: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you applied for admission to college / trade school? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your possible / probable major? \_\_\_\_\_  
This Fall will you be a college / trade school freshman, sophomore, junior, senior? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of College/ University or Trade School (if undecided, please indicate)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and agree to all the scholarship rules & instructions and hereby submit this application for consideration.*

*Applicant's signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA  
SCHOLARSHIP RULES and REQUIREMENTS**

**RULES:**

1. Scholarships of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Sons of Italy Foundation, are awarded only **to members or children or grandchildren of members**. Either you or your parent(s) or your grandparent(s) must be member(s) for at least one year as of application deadline. **If you individually are not already a member, you must submit an application for membership in OSDIA with this application.**
2. Scholarship awards are limited to graduating High School seniors who will be starting their freshman year of college or trade school, or to students who are already enrolled in college or trade school and are entering their sophomore, junior or senior year. The applicant must be enrolled in a two-year OR four-year accredited College or University OR a two-year accredited Trade School as a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours. Graduate students are not eligible to participate.
3. Awards shall be made on the following basis:
  - A) Scholastic / academic ability
  - B) Character
  - C) Participation and leadership in extracurricular activities and/or sports
  - D) Work ethic/need
  - E) Quality of the required letters and essays written and submitted specifically for this scholarship application as set forth under "Needed" (see next page).
  - F) Quality of your essay addressing Italian heritage as set forth under "Needed" (see next page).
4. Students may reapply each year for a scholarship, but *recipients* **may not** reapply in consecutive years.
5. The application will not be considered unless it is **fully completed and submitted neatly and in one packet by the due date**. (Transcripts ONLY, may be submitted separately by the high school, college, or university.)
6. Payment of the scholarship grant will be made to either the student or the university. Payment guidelines will be explained to the recipients.
7. Recipients will receive notification of award status by mail.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1) All required letters must be written in the **CURRENT** school year.
- 2) All information must be submitted in one package (except as noted in #5 above) and postmarked by **March 15, 2024**.

**NOTE: Eligibility for scholarship awards depends upon the QUALITY of submitted applications in the SOLE AND FINAL judgment and discretion of the scholarship evaluation committee and upon the funds available to the Grand Lodge of Ohio Sons of Italy Foundation for such awards. The evaluation committee and the Foundation reserve the right to determine in their SOLE AND FINAL discretion that any one or more submitted applications do not meet their quality expectations.**

**Needed: [Please note that each of the following requirements (1-6) must be included separately.]**

1. EITHER:   a. A current letter of recommendation from your High School principal or your school counselor, or a teacher, if you are currently a High School senior. (The letter must be on official letterhead and clearly indicate the position of the writer.); OR  
              b. A letter of recommendation from your College or Trade School advisor or professor in your major, if you are presently enrolled in a College, University or Trade School. (The letter must be on official letterhead and clearly indicate the position of the writer.)
2. A current letter of recommendation from a person who has known you for at least three years. (NOT A RELATIVE). (The letter must clearly indicate the relationship of the writer to the applicant.)
3. A letter from your most current employer, verifying employment.
4. An essay written by you, specifically for this scholarship application:
  - Describing your family circumstances and explaining how you expect to finance your education (including your employment, work ethic, need, and other funding).
  - Explaining why you have chosen your particular field of study and your career plans
  - Providing any other information, you may consider pertinent regarding why you may deserve this scholarship (including matters addressing your character, leadership and scholastic ability).
5. A listing or essay describing particular interests, extracurricular activities, membership in clubs and organizations, offices or leadership positions held.
6. A separate essay, addressing your Italian heritage and culture (Such as how an Italian or Italian American has influenced you and your field of study or how in general Italians or Italian Americans have positively influenced the world we live in such as, but not limited to, Art, Music, Technology, Science, Law, Medicine, Architecture, Sports, etc. It is **insufficient** (and will result in significant point reduction) for your essay to be primarily about food and holiday/family meals and traditions.
7. A small, current photo of yourself which was taken within the last 12 months.
8. High School students must submit their **official** transcript of high school grades. College students must submit their most recent **official** transcript. Copies without the school seal are **unacceptable**. Transcripts ONLY may be sent to us directly from the high school, college, or trade school. If you are homeschooled, documentation must be submitted addressing the approval of your course of study by appropriate officials.
9. The application form as submitted must be completely and correctly completed and signed.
10. If the student, individually, is not already an Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) member, he or she MUST complete an application for membership and submit it along with the Scholarship Application. Presently, there is no registration fee or annual membership fee for students up to the age of 21 years. Failure to submit this application for membership is automatically disqualifying.

***The Scholarship Committee's decision of selected Scholarship Award Winners is final.***